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1. HCAC COMMITTEE MEETING: The Health Consumers Advisory Council will meet at 1300 on 6 April 2001 in the 47 FTW Conference Room. All active duty personnel, squadrons, wives, retiree groups, and other groups are invited to send a representative. Please do not miss this opportunity for "face to face" communication between providers and receivers of health care. Call Mina Stover at 6311 for additional information or to indicate attendance. (47MDG/CC/6311)

2. ATTENTION CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES: Beginning 2 April 2001, the Civilian Personnel Flight will be open for appointments only from 0730 to 1100. If you need to see one of the specialists, please schedule an appointment. The customer service desk will be able to provide general employment and personnel information during this time, except on Friday mornings when the customer service desk will not be available. Walk-ins will be welcome in the afternoons. This change is being implemented to allow the CPF staff adequate time to prepare for the transition to the Civilian Modern System (CIVMOD) which will take place in August 2001. (47MSS/DPCE/5915)

***3. SUPPLY BLOCK TRAINING:** The times and dates for Supply Block Training for the month of March are as follows:

● Block IIA - Bench Stock Management	12 Mar 01	0900-1000
● Block IIB - Repair Cycle Management	15 Mar 01	0900-1000
● Block III - Equipment Management	21 Mar 01	0900-1000

To reserve seating, contact Mr. Rosalez at 4225 or e-mail Steven.Rosalez@laughlin.af.mil. (East LGS, 4225)

***4. INFORMATION ASSURANCE:** 2001 has been proclaimed Information Assurance Year. March's focus is on government owned, unsecured digital devices, which include Palm computers. Users of these government owned devices are reminded **DO NOT:**

- Process/maintain classified information
- Connect/subscribe to commercial ISPs for official e-mail services (e.g., Palmnet Wireless Communications Service)

- Synchronize files or devices across the network via wireless connections
- Arbitrarily download and load freeware or shareware software enhancements

All users of government owned unsecured telecommunications equipment are reminded that per AFI 33-219, Telecommunications Monitoring Assessment Program, their use of unsecured government owned telecommunications equipment is their consent to be monitored. Any questions about this topic or any other information assurance issue can be addressed to Mr. Ervin at 4271. **(47CS/SCBS, 4271)**

***5. OFFICIAL PHOTOS:** The Air Force Still Photographic Accessioning Center (11 CS/SCUA, Bolling AFB, DC) serves as the central distribution point for copies of official photos of senior leadership (President, SECDEF, CSAF and SECAF). With the recent changeover of senior leadership, the Laughlin AFB Visual Information Support Section expects many requests for official photographs. Official Photographs may be ordered through the 11 CS/SCUA. Send faxed letter to 11 CS/SCUA at DSN: 297-3400 or e-mail: afaccessioning@bolling.af.mil.

When requesting official chain of command photos include the following:

- The number of copies per position requested
(e.g. how many of the president, how many of SECDEF etc...)
- Point of contact at the requesting office
- Telephone number (DSN and commercial number) and mailing address.

With the exception of the CSAF, masters of the President, SECDEF or SECAF, requests shall be accepted and filled as soon as the masters are received and copies are made. Contact Mr. McKnight at 5177 for any questions regarding the official photos requisitioning process. **(47CS/SCBV, 5177)**

***6. CLEP ENGLISH COMPOSITION WITH ESSAY:** The education office will offer the CLEP, English Composition with Essay test, on 10 April 01. Deadline to sign up is 9 March. The test is free for active duty military personnel and \$46 for civilians. For more information, contact the education office at 5545. **(47 MSS/DPE, 5545)**

***7. AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE EXCELLENCE (ASE) CERTIFICATION EXAMS:** The education office is pleased to offer the Automotive Service Excellence Certification Exams on 1, 3, and 8 May 01. The cost of each ASE exam is \$21 in addition to the \$26 registration fee. Deadline to sign up is 9 March. For more information, contact the education office at 5545. **(47 MSS/DPE, 5545)**

***8. VA TOP-UP PROGRAM (INCREASE IN EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FOR SERVICE PERSONS):** The Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 gives many members of the Armed Forces a chance to receive increased payment for off-duty training and education.

● **Before this law**—The military services in most cases pay up to 75% of the tuition or expenses charged by the school. This program is known as Tuition Assistance. Eligible service members had to find additional financing, or pay the remaining expenses, from their own pockets. A service member eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB), a VA education benefit, **was not** allowed to receive both Tuition Assistance and the MGIB for the same course.

● **With this law**—A service member eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill **is** allowed to receive both Tuition Assistance and the MGIB for the same course.

In summary, if you are eligible for the MGIB, and are using 75% Air Force Tuition Assistance to pay for your college courses, you may use your MGIB to cover the remaining 25% that AF Tuition Assistance doesn't cover. **This is retroactive to courses starting on or after 30 Oct 00.**

If you are eligible or would like more information regarding the new VA Top-Up program, please contact the Education Services Flight at 5545 or stop by building 316, Monday-Friday, 0730-1630. **(47MSS/DPE, 5545)**

***9 DEVELOPMENTAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (DOP) RECRUITMENT ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Civilian Personnel Flight (CPF) is currently recruiting for the position of Aircraft Engine Mechanic Helper, WG-8602-05, and target WG-10, under the DOP. The primary purpose of this position is to troubleshoot, repair, modify, and make final adjustments to one or more types of models of malfunctioning conventional and/or modified aircraft engines in test cells or while on the aircraft. Only permanent employees in GS-1 through GS-8 and WG-1 through WG-7 who are not serving in a position that is targeted to GS-9 or above may apply for consideration. Employees selected for change-to-lower-grade under the DOP are entitled to pay retention. Incumbent to this position will be placed on a comprehensive formal training plan and will be excluded from competitive promotion opportunities for positions at the target grade of the DOP position and intervening grades. Employees who wish to be considered for this DOP position **MUST** complete a Response to Recruiting Announcement Form, which can be obtained at the CPF Customer Service Desk, Bldg 77, Room 169. Only employees completing this form will be considered. Laughlin Air Force Base is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Last day to respond to this announcement will be 28 February 2001. (47 MSS/DPC, 5015)

***10. ATTENTION RETRAINEES:** Looking for an interesting career with high visibility and a high degree of independence? Do you like to get out and meet people? Do you want to run your own office and work on a variety of tasks ranging from publishing a history to setting up photo displays? Then History is the career for you. The Air Force needs to fill 14 vacancies in the field in FY01. Senior Airmen through Technical Sergeants are eligible to apply. For more info, call the Wing Historian at x5420. (47 FTW/HO, 5420)

***11. LIFEGUARD POSITIONS:** The Civilian Personnel Flight (CPF) is soliciting applications for lifeguard positions, GS-1 through GS-3. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and have certifications for Lifeguard training, first aid and CPR. Certifications are required before being placed into the position. Resumes should be in the same format as used in the Job Kit resume format located at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afjobs> on the Civilian Employment Home Page. Copies of this format will also be available at the CPF Customer Service Desk. Completed application package should be dropped off at the CPF, Bldg 77, Room 169. Selection for these positions will be based on EEO guidelines and is subject to the provisions of the DoD Program for Stability of Civilian Employment (Stopper List). Respond NLT 10 Aug 01, but positions will be filled beginning in April. POC is Ms. Woods. (47MSS/DPC, 5806/5913)

***12. ATTENTION ALL BASE AGENCIES:** Please ensure all current and future office publications and forms comply with AFI 33-360, Volumes 1 and 2. It is the office of primary responsibilities (OPR) duty to ensure the technical content of the publication is as restrictive as the higher-headquarters publications and does not contradict higher-headquarters publications. OPRs possessing outdated publications (i.e. supplements) or forms dated prior to 1 Jan 99 need to contact your base publications and forms office at extension 5358 to request revision or rescinding. For more information on the responsibilities, guidance, and tools needed to submit publications or forms, visit: <http://www.laughlin.af.mil/47ftw/support/comm/im/publications/pubs-sups.html>. (47CS/SCBP, 5358)

***13. WAPS TESTING:** Testing window for CY01 is as follows.

01E6 (TSgt)	1 Feb - 15 Mar
01E7 (MSgt)	1 Feb - 15 Mar
01E5 (SSgt)	1 Apr - 30 Apr

POC is Mrs. Babin. (47MSS/DPMAT, 5350)

***14. ATTENTION CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES:** A new personnel system, CIVMOD, will be deployed in August 2001, which will affect some of our civilian personnel procedures. One major change of this new system will be the process used to fill vacant positions. All vacant positions will be announced on the AFPC website and through the IVRS phone system. Laughlin employees interested in being considered for vacant positions will now be required to self-nominate when the vacancy is posted. In preparation for these new procedures, we encourage you to review your past experience as documented in the current civilian personnel data system. This information will be transferred to the new system and will be used to determine if you are qualified for the positions you self-nominate for. It is important that you review your automated personnel records and carefully review your work experience, education, and training to ensure they are correct and up-to-date. There are several ways you can review your

automated record: (1) you can inquire in Regional Applications (PPIs), a computer program available at several worksites throughout the base (call ext. 5843 for the location nearest you); (2) you can visit the CPF and use one of our two computers available for our customers; or, (3) you can call the CPF at ext. 5806 and request an experience brief. If you find information in your automated record that is incorrect or in need of updating, please call us at ext 5127 to schedule an appointment to meet with a CPF representative. **(47 MSS/DPC, 5806)**

***15. TRICARE:** The National Defense Authorization Act, 2001, provides pharmacy benefits effective 1 Apr 01, and continued Tricare medical, effective 1 Oct 01, for eligible beneficiaries at age 65. Beneficiaries may obtain information regarding this exceptional new health care benefit on-line at www.tricare.osd.mil. In the meantime, please do not telephone the Tricare service centers, Tricare contractors, Military Treatment Facilities, or the Military Personnel Flights customer services, as they will not be able to provide any additional information at this time. Detailed information will be forthcoming as policy is more clearly defined and procedures are set in place to administer this program. **(47 MSS/DPMP, 2777)**

***16. PERSONNEL INFORMATION UPDATE:** If you/your troops address/phone numbers change, it is imperative that **five** key agencies be given the new information. Please ensure that you and your troops information is correct at the following agencies as soon as possible:

- a. **47 MSS, MPF Customer Service for Emergency Data Card, DEERs, etc.**
- b. **Finance office.**
- c. **47 MDG, Records Section can update you in MDG System.**
- d. **Unit Commander Support Staff, will update you in PC III for alpha roster, etc.**
- e. **Unit Recall Roster Monitor.**

This information falls under Privacy Act of 1974. **If this info is not correct in the system it can hinder agencies, first sergeants, and commanders from contacting you for a number of reasons/emergencies, to include Red Cross messages, unit recalls, troops issues etc.** **(47 SPTG/CCF, 5037)**

***17. THIS WEEK AFMAN 10-100 GOOD TO KNOW ITEM (more details on page 8-9 of the manual):**

MOBILITY BAGS

- **A Bag - General purpose**
- **B Bag - Cold Weather**
- **C Bag - Chemical Defense**
- **D Bag - Aircrew Protection**

***Repeat Items**